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Holidays Around the World — In Palisades —

Whoever might wish to obtain a firsthand education about ethnic holiday traditions around the world need go no farther than our own zip code. For within 10964 borders lies a variety of rich and varied cul-

tural backgrounds, each with its own original, unusual and delightful holiday practices.

Take Maral and Kevork Kalayjian's family of Palisades, for example, which is of Armenian extraction. Their Christmas

is celebrated for three days, January 6, 7, and 8, but gifts are exchanged on New Year's Eve—the time when the whole clan of about 50 relatives gathers in one home. Tables of food, including

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Interview With Roger Pellegrini

Palisades resident Jules Leni interviewed Orangetown Supervisor-elect Roger Pellegrini shortly after his election. Roger lives in Grandview with his wife, Maureen, and his children, Georgia (8 yrs.) and Gordon (4 yrs.).

I was not aware that you used to live in Palisades. When was that?

My family moved here in 1954 and I attended 1st grade in the Palisades Elementary School. After 5th grade, I went to the Rockland County Day School in South Nyack for two years. In 1960 we moved back to New York City.

What brought you back to Rockland County?

My grandfather came here just after World War I and my mother was born in Sparkill. In fact I am building a house on the same property, and I hope to move there in January. When I graduated college and was working in the city and met my wife,

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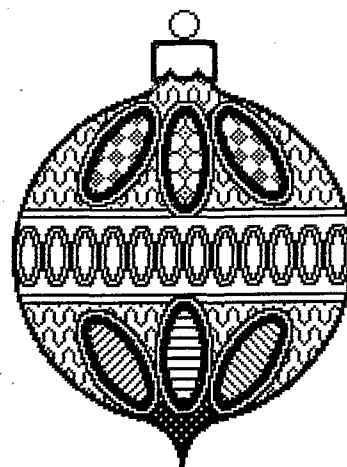
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many desserts, are mandatory. At midnight, all lights are turned off, candles are lit and everyone prays, led by an elder of the family, for a good New Year. Of course, the best part for the children is the opening of the presents and even the little ones are allowed (if they can make it) to stay up until midnight when Santa Claus arrives. Santa in Armenian is called "Gaghant Baba," which translates as "New Year's Daddy." This Santa dances for all and gives out the gifts; but the recipient must sing, dance, recite a poem, perform some special reading, or even tell a joke in order to collect his or her present. Aramazt Kalayjian, age 7, isn't quite sure what he will do this Christmas, but he knows he'll come up with something fun. Tro, age 6, likes the "getting presents part" of the holiday

celebration the best, but also enjoys getting together with his cousins and godbrother. Ohaness, age 1, in response to this reporter's question flashed a brilliant toothy smile and squealed, "Oh-h-h-h!" During the three days of Christmas, feasting is carried on throughout, and during this time the women sit at home and entertain the visiting men of the family clan who travel from house to house of Armenian friends and relatives.

Maria and Michael Bodniewicz and their children, ages 5 and 6, are Polish and celebrate a traditional Ukrainian Christmas. January 6 for them is Christmas Eve, which is the most important part of the holiday. It is a true family event, starting with dinner at 6 p.m. At the opening of the meal each relative gets a bit of a wafer blessed for



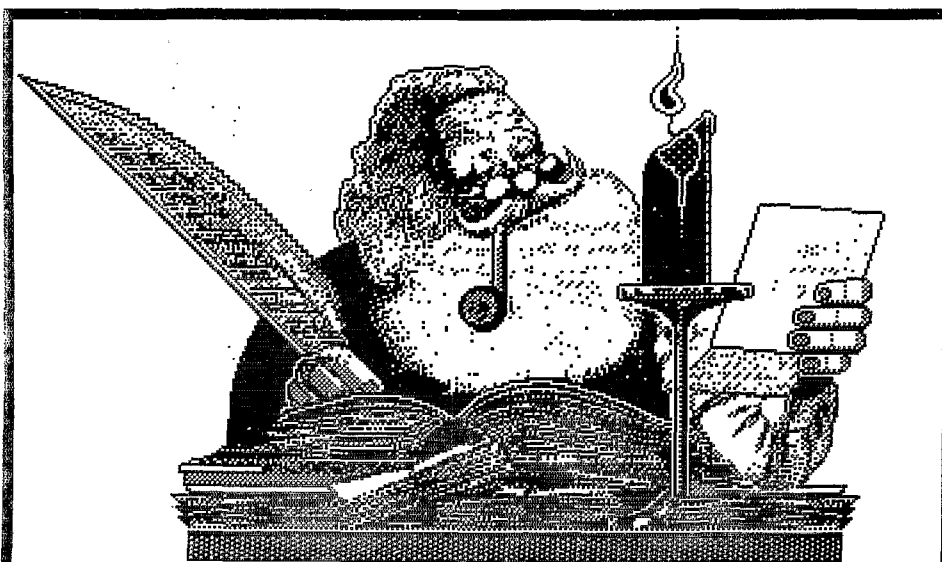
life and coated with honey to represent a sweet life. Michael's mother breaks off the pieces for each and wishes them individually good health, prosperity and happiness. They also eat rye bread sprinkled with salt to represent eternity, and a piece of raw garlic to symbolize strength.

During Christmas dinner no dairy or animal products are used. This is to cleanse the body from fat and also to remind people of how they lived in German-occupied Europe. All the animal and dairy products had to be turned over to the Germans, and the families had none for themselves. Today Polish families eat twelve different foods at Christmas for the twelve apostles. One of these is called "Kiesilica," which is mashed potatoes with gravy made of oats.

Maria, Michael and the children sing Christmas carols and receive carolers in their home from the Ukrainian Church of Spring Valley, who go to numerous Ukrainian and Polish homes in the area. On this night, children have no bedtime and can even open their gifts if they can keep their eyes open until midnight!

Traveling a great distance to India (but still within 10964 borders), we meet the delightful

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Letters to Santa

We at the Palisades Post Office will accept and answer "Santa Claus" letters. A special box will be set up in the lobby for these letters. — Anne M. Welsh, Postmaster

Holiday Cooking

Rather than contribute one more "treasured" family cookie recipe to the flood unleashed during the Christmas season, 1994's December food section will focus on some neglected holiday topics--for instance, Southern California, and wild game. In fact, the Los Angeles area is an interesting place to spend the holidays, and I often think back fondly to the 1979 Christmas day I spent with my sister sitting on the boardwalk in Santa Monica eating cheap tacos and watching roller skaters pass us by in shiny chartreuse exercise leotards. Of course cheap tacos are the best tacos, and I provide here a facsimile version of the tacos I used to like at the Casablanca, in Hollywood, which has now no doubt gone out of business.

Tacos, California Style

- prepare a relish by mincing several onions with some cilan-

tro (also known as fresh coriander or Mexican parsley), season with oregano;

- chop up one or two tomatoes into small pieces;

- chop pieces of stew beef into small chunks about the size of the end of your finger, season well with salt, pepper, allspice and let sit a few minutes, then saute quickly in a little oil;

- heat as many large, soft, wheat flour tortillas as needed, butter, and fill each with a generous mound of meat, tomatoes, and onion mixture, add hot sauce to taste, and fold up to eat.

Yes, but the anxious reader is probably wondering, what does it mean for the poor wild game to be mentioned in the context of a cooking column? Well, there are a lot of men and boys out there celebrating the oncoming season of Peace and Understanding by blamming away at large-eyed, innocent, fleet-footed creatures, and it is inevitable that some of them will get killed (the deer, I mean). Hunters are embarrassed to shoot does, but the truth is that big trophy bucks make for tough and terrible eating, compared to younger does. It is akin to the difference between spring lamb and woolly old mutton. This recipe is best for use with tender venison. For older meat, some other, slower cooking method should be tried. For those upset by the idea of eating deer, substitute beef or veal.

Venison Chasseur

- To make a stock liquid, soak two large dried wild mushrooms in two cups of water; microwave for a few minutes (don't boil) and let sit for 1/2 hour. Use either Italian porcini (available in most stores nowadays), or boletes from around here (*suillus pictus* is good). Check strength of liquid and add more mushrooms if needed. Strain out mushrooms and reserve, before using.

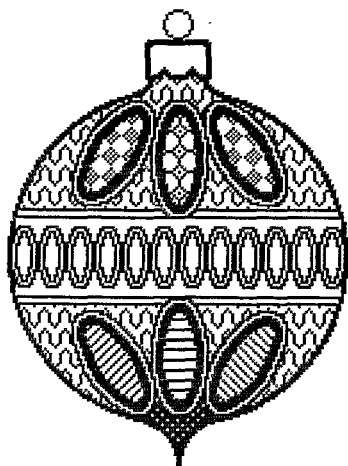
- chop 2 or 3 onions, and cut up about 2 lb of venison steaks or chops into cubes. Saute the onions in some oil; remove onions from pan and reserve; saute the venison, then remove meat also.

- Melt 2 Tbsp butter in same pan, stir up scrapings, add scant 2 Tbsp flour, and cook over low heat till flour is slightly browned. Add 2 cups of mushroom liquid (can substitute chicken stock), and stir till sauce thickens.

- Add 1/4 c. cognac, a couple of dashes of fresh cream, 1/4 tsp. sage, and a bay leaf, and the chopped soaked wild mushrooms. Return venison and onions to the sauce and heat gently for 5 min.

- Serve with wild rice pilaf, and julienned zucchini with butter and fresh dill.

Greta Nettleton



Soccer Season Ends

The 1989 Fall soccer season has come to an exciting close. Both soccer clubs, the Orangetown Soccer Club Association and the Mighty Midgets Athletic Club, had their final games of the season in mid-November. During one game I attended, the enthusiasm and energy of the kids was equaled by the cheers and encouragement from the sidelines. On November 11, it was the Tigers vs. the Bears. With both teams entering the match undefeated, the energy level was charged. And, what a game it was; truly talented boys and girls playing their best, and having a great time. And, at the end of four, ten-minute quarters, the score

was tied! We look forward to next Spring to see these two great teams play again.

The Mighty Midget Athletic Club Association is made up of over 700 kids from throughout Orangetown and the surrounding areas. The season is from September through November, with weekly games and practice. Boys and girls from ages 5 to 15 enjoy learning the sport, and at the end of the season, every child receives a trophy at a special awards ceremony. Registration for this club is in March, and will be announced in *Our Town* and **10964**.

The Orangetown Soccer Club Association is comprised of five teams of 5 to 7 year old boys and girls. This club, which was founded 20 years ago, plays soccer in both the fall and the spring. Mario Leone, coach of the Tigers, has been coaching the club for the past 14 years, and if you've every

seen him "in action" you'll easily see his enthusiasm for the sport and the young players. These players also receive awards for participation at the end of the season. Watch for announcements for summer registration in *Our Town*.

Congratulations to all the players including Crystal Hrynenko and Gabriel Estadella who play for the Mighty Midgets and Jevon Ewig, Vivek Shah, Sarah Lipkin, Chuck Rosenwasser, Ted Rosenwasser, Allen Ladd and Christopher Walther, from the Orangetown Soccer Club Association, all excellent and promising players from Palisades.

Judy Zehentner

If we missed your child's name, contact 10964, and we'll be happy to make an additional soccer announcement in an upcoming issue.

Palisades Presbyterian Church

On Sunday, December 17, at 11 a.m. the traditional Children's Christmas Pageant will be presented with children in period costumes reenacting the birth of the Christ Child.

Christmas Eve, December 24, promises to be a busy day for the church. There will be a regular service of worship at 11 a.m. Then at 5:30 p.m. the Family Service takes place. It is a 45 minute, candle-lit, meditation service in which hymns are sung and The Reverend Ferguson tells a brief story. People are invited to bring a gift to this service, either a new article of clothing or

a toy wrapped in white tissue paper, which will be distributed to a local charity. Please mark somewhere the nature of the gift to avoid confusion.

In the evening, the traditional Service of Lessons and Carols begins at 11 p.m. It is truly a magical service and promises to be even more so this year with a musical program prepared by the new organist/choirmaster, Ms. Jane Hudson. The music will range from Baroque to 20th Century compositions. Some of the offerings will be by J. S. Bach, Benjamin Britten, and several pieces from Handel's *Messiah*. Remember to arrive early as there is generally standing room only!

Happy New Year!
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Rockland Center For The Arts

Calendar

Saturday, Dec. 9, 8 p.m.; "Andanzas," South American folk music and fund raising reception with Latin American holiday food
Friday, Dec. 15, 8:30 p.m.; The Colorado String Quartet

Saturday, Dec. 16, 8 p.m.; Swartz and Bertoncini--Jazz Bass and Guitar Duo

Announcement

Mark Freeley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Freeley of Palisades, recently passed the New York State Bar Exam. He was graduated from Hofstra University School of Law with a Juris Doctor in May, 1989. He is currently employed by the Law Firm of Daniel P. Buttafuoco and Associates, Mineola, N. Y.

Pellegrini Leads Democratic Sweep of Palisades Districts

Former resident Roger Pellegrini topped the balloting in Palisades on November 7 with 71% of the 591 ballots cast for supervisor — Pellegrini 419, Joseph Colello 172.

Pellegrini swept seven-term incumbent Colello out of office with 56% of an unusually large (over 17% above 1987) Town-wide vote, 8,623 (D-I) to 6,780 (R-C-RTL). Pellegrini was elected to the Town Board two years ago with 7,103 votes, including 340 in the two Palisades districts (12 and 50).

County Executive John Grant (D-C) was backed by 384 Palisades voters (68%) on his way to a five-town reelection landslide, including a 2,400 margin in Orangetown over Assemblyman Joseph Holland (R-C-RTL). County Clerk Edward Gorman (D-L) carried Palisades with 66% of the vote to 30% for Joyce Altieri (R-C) and 4% for Robert Garrison (Right to Life), but lost Orangetown by some 200 votes.

Palisades, as usual, split with the rest of Orangetown on the other Town offices. For County Legislator, Emily Feiner and Thomas Herman (both D-I) carried Districts 12 and 50 with 344 and 325 votes to John Murphy's 218 and Patrick Moroney's 199 (both R-C-RTL). Town-wide, Murphy won reelection

with 29% and Moroney was chosen to replace retiring Republican Hezekiah Easter with 26% to Feiner's 22% and Herman's 22.5%.

Incumbent Town Councilmen Charles McLiverty (R-C) and Connie O'Sullivan (R-C-RTL) were rejected by Palisades voters, with 221 and 217 votes, as against 346 for Ronald Hansen and 315 for Constantine Orphanos (both D-I). Town-wide, McLiverty and O'Sullivan were reelected with 27.3% and 27.2% of the votes to Hansen's 24.8% and Orphanos's 20.7%. Pellegrini will therefore start his two-year term as supervisor with three Republican councilmen and a vacancy (his own) to be filled by the Town Board in January.

Town Clerk Patricia Haugh of Van Terrace, Sparkill, who had no Democratic opponent, received 264 votes (R-C-RTL), while 345 of the 609 actual voters (including 20 absentee) cast no ballot for the office. Receiver of Taxes Eileen Bohner (R-C-RTL) was close behind Haugh with 250 votes to 296 for Ann Mirijanian (D-I). Town Justice Robert Feenick (R-C-RTL) lost Palisades to challenger Steven Abel (D-I), 223 to 318. All three Republicans were reelected by wide margins.

Running with Democratic, Republican, Conservative and Liberal nominations, District Attorney Kenneth Gribetz was supported by 527 Palisadians. Right to Life candidate Mary Walker received 28 votes, and 54 voters skipped them both. Similarly, three incumbent State Supreme Court justices backed by the Democratic, Republican and Conservative parties received 510, 494 and 490 votes while two RTL candidates received 29 and 28 votes.

Except for the RTL candidates for Supreme Court and D.A. and a Liberal candidate for County Executive, all candidates appeared on at least two ballot lines.

Top vote-getter on the Right to Life line in Palisades was Councilman O'Sullivan with 30, with a tie for low man at 22 between Colello and County Clerk candidate Garrison. McLiverty, running without RTL support or opposition, outpolled O'Sullivan on the Republican and Conservative lines by 34 votes. The Conservative vote in Palisades ranged from 25 for Haugh and 21 for Democrats Grant and Gribetz to 17 for Colello, O'Sullivan and Moroney. An Independent Voters of Orangetown ticket, endorsing the entire Democratic town slate, pulled a high of 25 votes for Pellegrini and a low of 11 for Herman. The only candidates on the Liberal Party line were Martin Bernstein with 11 votes for County Executive, Gribetz with 14 votes and Gorman with 19. (None of these minor party figures include absentee votes.)

Palisadians overwhelmingly (220 to 63) approved the proposed constitutional amendment to make counties accountable for the official acts of sheriffs and their deputies.

Andrew E. Norman

Pellegrini Interview...

we got involved in renovating lofts down below Canal Street. It just so happened that the silk mill in Piermont came up for sale. No one wanted it, so we were able to buy it at a good price. It became a labor of love, and we put eight years of our lives into renovating the building. That's how we ended up out here.

At what point did your avocation switch from renovating lofts to politics?

The two are connected. I put much of my time in that place, and we could just afford our simple life style, and then the taxes went crazy. Our assessment tripled in one shot, and it was a great shock. When I found out that they could have phased it in over five years, I became very angry. So I had to get involved. Someone suggested that I run for the Town Board, and there was no other candidate, so I did. And I remember saying after I won, "I'll never do this again."

What prompted you to change your mind?

That's a long story. I didn't want to run. I had a teaching position, which was much more secure, and time off in the summers and a casual life style. I could come home evenings and cook; I like to cook. Push came to shove, almost literally. Joe Colello and I got along very well at the beginning. But he did more and more things that were obviously arrogant. He finally said to me at a Town Board meeting, "If you don't like it, run for Supervisor." So I ran.

How did this change your life?

Our lives have changed completely. We had five months of real work and I haven't seen much of the kids. It's been a difficult time for the family. We hope we can settle down in the new house and gain some privacy. It was a nasty campaign; we sort of expected this, but your skin gets thicker by the minute.

What issues do you think were primarily responsible for your victory?

The main issue was the sewers. I knew about this over a year and a half ago. I brought it before the board several times, and nothing was done. Initially *Our Town* didn't seem to believe us when we furnished information to them. The fact is that Joe Colello knew and memos went back and forth way back in 1976. We had all of these memos.

What role did the escalation of taxes have in your victory?

That's been the general cause of disgruntlement with Colello. The sewer issue was the icing on the cake. It was topical, and timely, but there was already a general dissatisfaction with the fact that taxes had gone up, and not just in the river communities, where they had gone up tremendously.

For example, people in Pearl River who moved out from homes in Throgs Neck saw that their property here had gone down in value, while the values in the city had gone way up. Their taxes here are far higher

than they were where they came from, and they wonder what's going on.

Is there anything that you as Supervisor can do about this?

There are a lot of things we can do. We can't promise a decrease in taxes, but we can promise a more responsible way of dealing with the financial situation. The problem lies with the fact that politics tends to create fiscal shenanigans. By this I mean that in order to retain power, it is advantageous for politicians to put political people into jobs, and it's not advantageous to implement efficiency measures, because the politicians value the people who are going to go out and get their petitions signed and work. And that's what happened at Town Hall. There are many jobs that didn't need to be filled. You can't go in now and fire these people, but with attrition over time you can reduce staff if you get a good working team.

The second thing they did was to increase expenditures and taxes in off years, when they knew they would not be held accountable in an election, and then in the election years, they kept the taxes level or with a small increase. This is not fiscally responsible. It doesn't let you plan for the long term. There are simple practices that could have been implemented such as a system to track our accounts receivable and which would have prevented us from losing half a million dollars from South Nyack.

How many positions do you think you can eliminate over two years?

That's difficult to say, but I would hope to eliminate 8 to 12, if I'm lucky. It depends on what we find, and it's not going to be easy. But the main thing is to find a competent financial director; someone who's had accounting and finance experience. The person we have now has no degree in accounting and is really just another political appointee.

Morale is also important. We need to build a new police station. We have money in the bank to do that. And we have to implement a 401K plan. All the other towns have it. It helps to build morale. It makes people feel they're being taken care of and makes them feel as if they are part of a team.

Will your minority position on the Board inhibit what you want to do?

To some degree it will; that's inevitable. Because the Board will be appointing a Republican, there will be four Republicans. I just hope we can get one who is reasonable.

Don't you anticipate the same patronage situation with Democrats?

No, I'm not in the same situation. Many of the Democratic people in the town have county jobs. Furthermore, many of the people who worked hardest in my campaign were not part of the Democratic Party organization.

Are Democrats a minority in Orangetown?

We have a plurality. The problem is that when the Republican and Conservative votes are combined, they approach the numbers we have. The key in Orangetown is the independent vote; 26% of the voters are inde-

pendents, and that's why I ran on the Independent line. I got a lot of flak from the Democratic organization at that time, and yet we received more votes on that line than ever before. I think that it is crucial that we appeal to the independent voter and we have to make sure we do that.

Are you going to try to harmonize and unify the various interests in the town?

I would like to see bipartisan government. The people elected me and gave me a mandate and they don't want to see my hands tied. By the same token I don't want to come in and implement policies that are offensive to most of the people of this town, or even a third of the people. I want to see us move along conservatively, making some progressive changes but not radical ones.

What do you consider your mandate?

To implement more forward thinking and fair-minded treatment. For example, we are looking at better recreation for young people in the town, and at involving the schools in this. We want to get an internship for students who can come in and make studies and help implement their own ideas for recreation and in turn get credit for that in high school. That's something I would like to see happen.

Also, it's important to keep people informed. They want to know how the town works and where the money goes. So we are hoping to put out a quarterly newsletter.

We want to look ahead, not over our shoulders.

One final question: what is the proper way to address the supervisor?

I prefer to have people just call me Roger.

Citizens' Watch

We hear so many gripes about taxes, politicians, and government, but how many of us really know what's going on? Attending Orangetown meetings can be interesting, informative, and they're free! It's a shame, but almost no one shows up just out of general interest. Most who attend have a special interest in an item on the agenda, and the rest of the small crowd consists mostly of employees and department heads with items to be brought up for consideration.

The Town Hall is located at 26 Orangeburg Road in Orangeburg, and Town Board meetings are held there on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. Several other Boards meet at 1 Greenbush Road, just west of route 303, in the old Greenbush School, also at 8 p.m.

In December, the Town Board will meet on December 11 and 26 (a Tuesday due to the Monday holiday). The Board has the option to change the schedule at the beginning of each year. **10964** will keep you informed.

For more information as to times of other meetings and details, call the Town Hall at 359-5100. See you at the next meeting!

Town Board

2nd & 4th Mondays

Planning Board

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

Zoning Board

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Architectural BOR

1st & 3rd Thursdays

Historic Areas BOR

1st Tuesdays

Lamont Rediscovered Planet Earth

"Observatory" seems an eccentric name for a geological research institution. One associates the word with a stationary telescope set up to look at the passing parade of stars and planets. Lamont is quite the opposite—a base from which scientists range all over the globe.

Until the 1950s most people assumed that the ocean floors were smooth, static deserts, and standard atlases published even in the early 1970s show the ocean as plain blue, with only contour lines to indicate depth. In effect, it had

been generally assumed that 75 percent of the planet's surface was not worth exploring. It had occurred to Ewing, who founded Lamont in 1948, that the sediments blanketing the deep ocean floor might hold the key to the Earth's history. So he embarked on a relentless, open-ended survey of the ocean floor. His scientists produced astounding results in very short order.

One of Ewing's most important students, Bruce Heezen, and his assistant Marie Tharp, constructed a new map of the

world ocean floor on the basis of more than five million miles of soundings taken by many institutions round the world. At a glance the map showed that the most dominant physical feature of the planet was the Mid-Ocean Ridge, essentially a 40,000-mile chain of volcanoes offset by hundreds of "fracture zones" at right-angles to the main zig-zagging spine. The map was adopted by *National Geographic* and has been a classroom staple for a generation.

There are many claims made for the origins of modern "plate tectonics," the idea that the upper crust of the planet is composed of huge plates in constant motion, and since the 1960s the dominant model for how the Earth works. But unquestionably Lamont scientists provided essential confirmations of plate tectonics. There was the mapping of the Mid-Ocean Ridge, which is sometimes a mountain ridge and sometimes a canyon

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Krishnaswamy family with their daughters Bindu and Pria, ages 9 and 6. Prameela and Krish participate with the children in the Hindu holiday of "Pongal," January 13, 14 and 15 which is actually more like the American Thanksgiving than Christmas. It is a time of enthusiastic celebration during which, in India, cows are decorated and revered. Here, everyone wears new clothes (Indian style) to the temple and makes and brings something delicious to the festivities. Holiday food, especially sweets, are usually brought, including "gulajam," made from milk simmered into a custard-like substance and fried in oil.

The Krishnaswamy family generally attend the service at a temple in Flushing, Queens, where there is a large Indian

population. There, candles are lit and flowers placed on statues of the various gods: Siva, Lakshmi, Venkataswara and Vinaka. Mantras are chanted and the atmosphere is very festive.

Ari and Sabina Chaplin and their 6 year old son, Joseph, live in nearby Orangeburg and celebrate the joyful festival of Chanukah. Their ethnic backgrounds are extremely diverse: Ari, born in Rumania, left with his family for Israel when he was eight and lived there until he was in his twenties. Sabina was born in France, after her family escaped from Poland, and then came to the United States. With their multi-ethnic background, the Chaplin family still celebrates their holiday much as Jewish people all over the world do. They light the Menorah dur-

ing the eight days of Chanukah to commemorate the spirit and commitment that shown through after the destruction of the Jewish temple many years ago, and with the eight nights of gift-giving for children. The holiday time is a close-knit family affair, shared with Sabina's father and Ari's mother. The child's game of spinning the dreidl or top is played, and songs are sung after the candles are lit. The Chaplins are also thinking ahead to next Chanukah, when they will have to come up with sixteen—not just eight—gifts, for Joseph and his new sibling who will be on the scene.

The 10964 staff wishes the Chaplins well, as we do all the residents of 10964 territory during this happy holiday season!

Judith W. Umlas

that can be twice as large as Grand Canyon, with magma welling up at the center, constantly forming new sea floor crust which is pushed away at roughly the rate of a growing finger nail, i.e. centimeters per year. There was the tracing of earthquake locations to outline "subduction zones" where the edges of plates dive down under the edges of other plates. And there was the recognition of an unambiguous chronology of the spreading sea floor, evidenced by the symmetrical magnetic reversal "stripes" paralleling both sides of the Ridge (the magnetic polarity of the Earth changes irregularly every few thousand years and is imprinted on molten rock), which demonstrated that the sea floor was young at the center and older as one moved away from the Ridge, but was nowhere older than 200 million years.

Ewing left Lamont in 1972, but mapping has continued to be a

major Observatory activity. As the tools have become more sophisticated they have also become more expensive, and therefore mapping has been used more selectively to illuminate specific problems in specific places. Experiments involving the profiling of sea floor as thick as 15 kilometers now routinely use two ships at a time for a month on end at a cost of a half-million dollars. Lamont's ship-board mapping systems can create color 3-D images of continuous swaths of sea floor five kilometers wide, and can resolve detail as small as a station wagon.

Perhaps the most spectacular Lamont mapping is the global map by Bill Haxby based on satellite altimeter data--the very accurate measurement of differences in the surface level of the world oceans. These differences directly reflect changes in the gravity field resulting from significant changes in sea floor topography and den-

sity variations at depth in the ocean crust. Thus gravity highs and lows produce corresponding levels of sea surface. Haxby can highlight features by his choice of color, of the positioning of the sun to highlight relief, and of the altitude of the point of view. These images have confirmed most of Heezen's mapping (a good deal of which was based as much on his intuitive interpolations as on actual data). But they also revealed many sea floor phenomena that will require a generation to investigate and understand. Aside from their scientific significance, these images of the ocean floor are remarkably beautiful, and are a marvelous testimony to Ewing's original prophecy.

Roger Jellinek

To reserve the **Community Center** for your group contact Glyn Nixon at 359-5985

Palisades Free Library

Forthcoming Books

Cook, *Harmful Intent*

Davis, *Miles*

Emmerling, *Mary Emmerling's American Country South*

Hawkes, *Julian's House*

Mahfouz, *Beginning & the End, Thief & the Dogs, Wedding Song*

Marsh, *Collected Short Fiction*

Updike, *Just Looking*

What Kids

Really Want to Know?

The June 19, 1989, issue of *U.S. News and World Report* includes a survey conducted by the editors of World Book Encyclopedia in which the students of 391 elementary and secondary school classes reveal the subject headings they most frequently explore. They are:

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| 1. Dogs | 2. Cats |
| 3. Snakes | 4. Presidents |
| 5. Birds | 6. Flags |
| 7. Horses | 8. Fish |
| 9. Airplanes | 10. Dinosaurs |
| 11. Baseball | 12. Whales |
| 13. Elephants | 14. Football |

Yes, the Library has books on all these subjects.

Remember, With Your Library Card You Can...

- Request books we don't own. (We will borrow them for you on interlibrary loan.)
- Borrow free library materials from any library in Rockland County.
- Borrow a Polaroid camera free.
- Have a computer database search done for you if your topic is eligible.
- Borrow 1 or 2 video cassettes from our small RCLS rotating collection.

For your convenience the library has a book drop, a copy machine, large print books, and a paperback collection.

Elmwood Playhouse

Holiday Special

A limited engagement of Charles Dickens' classic *A Christmas Carol* is scheduled for December 8-16 at the Elmwood Playhouse in Nyack. The play will be performed Fridays and Saturdays, Dec. 8, 9 and 15, 16 at 8:30 p.m. On Sunday, December 10, the performance is scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 adults, \$5 children, senior citizens and students (under 22 yrs.). For reservations call 353-1313.

The Musical Hudson

The Palisades Presbyterian Church is fortunate in having Ms. Jane Hudson as their new organist/choirmaster. Originally from the South, she holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Birmingham-Southern College and a Master of Music degree from New England Conservatory. She also did special music study at Harvard University.

Music is her life, as well as her livelihood. In addition to teaching music at The Brick Church School on Park Avenue in New York City, she's a concert pianist, vocal coach and accompanist to some of the world's leading opera singers including Miss Mignon Dunn of the Metropolitan Opera.

We asked her a few questions:

What are your hopes for the Palisades Presbyterian Church Choir?

I took this job for the enjoyment of it. When I heard the choir, I thought that it had great potential, far beyond the average. I believe that we can get to the point where we will be able to do major works, if we get the community's support. In the process, we will be doing everything from the Baroque on down. Maybe in the future, we could do an international carol service, aside from the traditional Christmas Eve service, with music from all nations.

How does music fit into worship?

I feel that the choral person must be very well versed with and know the liturgy, the

seasonal changes, what should happen and when, Advent, Epiphany, etc. Many do not know as much as they should so the service suffers. It is important to know what hymns and anthems are appropriate.

How is the direction of a choir different from the direction of soloists?

When one is working with a soloist it is very important that his or her voice COME OUT. The breath has to be exactly right because the voice is totally exposed. Choirs are different because you have so many different personalities. One of the things that I have learned is that most people are insecure when it comes to singing. They want to feel that they are making a valid contribution to the group. It is very important to stress that indeed everyone is important. Without the whole mass, there is no choir. Even if someone is, say, singing flat, to single them out is devastating to them. You must be very careful because people's egos are involved. Singing is a very personal, emotional thing.

What kinds of music will be choir be doing under your direction?

Music from all periods of history.

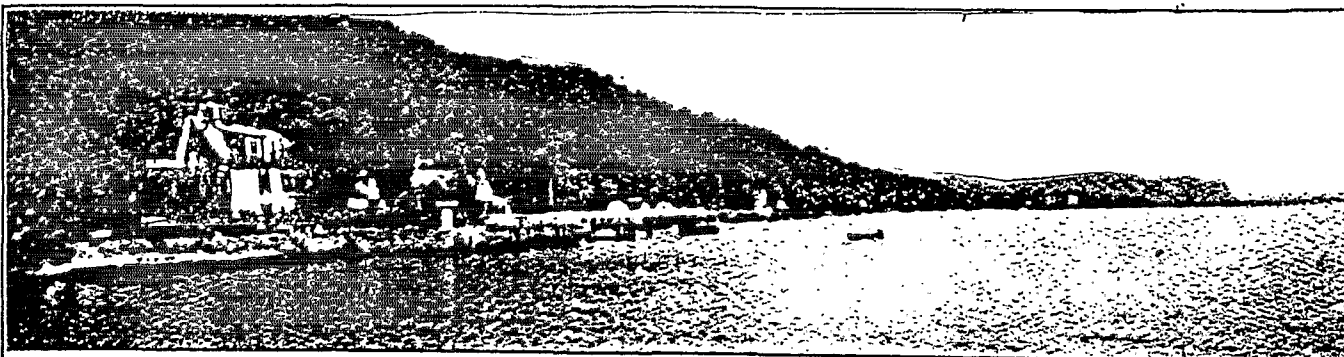
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The Palisades Church welcomes community members who would like to use our Parish House for various meetings and rehearsals. However, due to increased demands, we now must require that your requests be made in writing and be sent to the office at least two weeks in advance. (Box 687). We are also glad to lend our tables and chairs to individuals and groups in the community. We are experiencing more use of our equipment, and it is deteriorating more quickly as well. We ask that a donation be made of \$10 if you borrow a few items and \$25 if you borrow a number of items. This will help us replace our chairs and tables as needed. Arrangements to borrow them are made through the church office during regular office hours, Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The answering machine is on at other times. Arrangements can no longer be made through the pastor, or by calling her home. Thank you for your co-operation.

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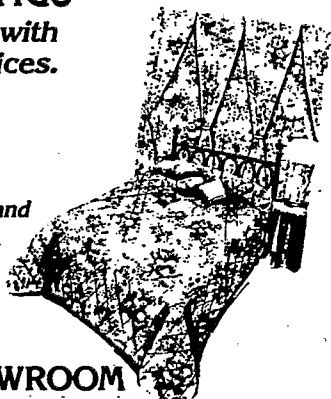
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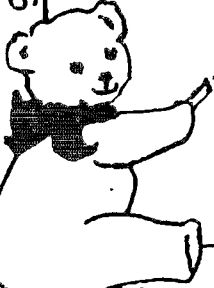
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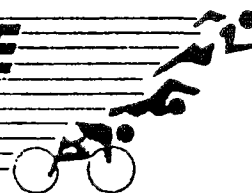
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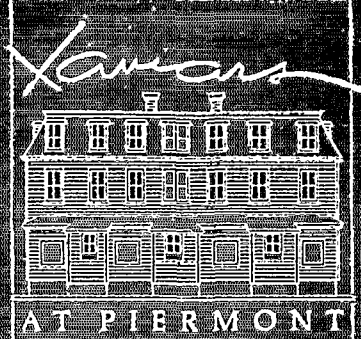


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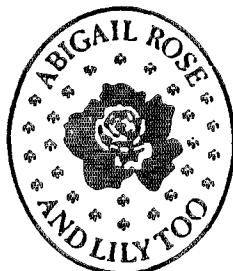
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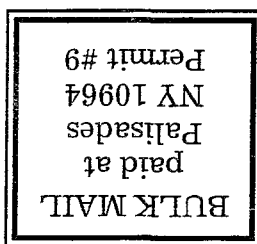
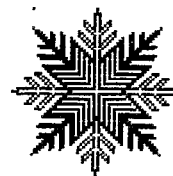
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